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City Council Housing Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
3:00 PM

- I. Roll Call:** **Present: Chair** Councilmember Carmen Montano, Councilmember Bob Nuñez, Steve McHarris, Christopher Diaz, Renee Lorentzen, Sharon Goei, Robert Musallam, Sara Court
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Carmen Montano led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Agenda:** Councilmember Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the minutes for June 11, 2019, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.
- V. Public Forum:**
Member of the public expressed concern about individuals who are being pushed out of their homes due to rent increases.
- VI. Business Items:**

Council members and staff reviewed Councilmember Montano's list, and the following actions items were requested of City staff to bring back and report to Subcommittee members:

- a) Gather information and provide an update regarding rental assistance through CDBG grantees, specifically the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, and any opportunities that Catholic Charities may be able to provide.
- b) Updates were provided on the City's job opportunities for youth, outreach efforts, and their partnership with MUSD. Discussions took place surrounding the possibility of providing Milpitas residents priority for job opportunities.
- c) Connect with local employment agencies that may be interested in being listed in a potential 'Comprehensive Resource Guide' for Milpitas residents.
- d) Connect with Catholic Charities regarding their plan for Milpitas Resource Centers. Attend their budget meeting and provide updates.
- e) Council Members and staff to meet with MUSD and any interested childcare centers to discuss strategies for reducing the cost of childcare, as well as education and counseling services for families.
- f) Continue to connect with local affordable housing units to see if they are willing to work with the City regarding priority for Milpitas residents.
- g) Inquire if Catholic Charities provides utility assistance to Santa Clara County residents.
- h) Connect with VTA regarding student VTA discount cards and Clipper cards.
- i) Set up a meeting with Silicon Valley Clean Energy / FLEX regarding a bus or shuttle service that will take riders from the BART station to other parts of town.
- j) Continue discussions about where the Milpitas Food Pantry can relocate.
- k) Look into possibilities of increasing the City's housing stock, including the development of tiny homes on unused land.

- 1) Work with the City Attorney's Office to bring an ordinance to Council regarding a rent mediation program. Staff to research other possible housing related ordinances to bring forward at the same time.

Council Members and staff discussed the Social Services Coordinator (Recreation) and Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager (Building and Housing) positions, including potential responsibilities and estimated timelines for recruitment.

Staff gave update on the Cesar Chavez Foundation and potential partnership opportunities with the City.

VII. Adjournment:

To August meeting.